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Remarks

The applicants respectfully request that the Second Preliminary Amendment be entered. The above amendment is made in order to comply with the requirements for claiming benefit of a prior-filed application under 37 C.F.R. §1.78. The above amendment referencing the prior-filed application is submitted prior to sixteen months from the filing date of PCT/US00/34603. In view of the above, applicant believes that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2) have been met and that no additional fees are required for the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount which may be required by this paper to the Account of the undersigned attorney, Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If any questions arise in connection with this application, kindly contact the undersigned at (302) 658-9141.

Respectfully submitted,

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